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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AFP REPORT OF
STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION CAVAILLE'S REACTION
TO PONYA'S SIX-MONTH PROHIBITION OF CONCORDE LANDING:

MR. MARCEL CAVAILLE CONSIDERS THE DECISION OF
PONYA'S SIX-MONTH PROHIBITION OF CONCORDE TO LAND AT
THE NEW YORK AIRPORT "DISCRIMINATORY AND INCONSISTENT".
MR. CAVAILLE FURTHER STATED ON THE RADIO FRIDAY
MORNING THAT "ALTHOUGH I DO NOT YET HAVE THE OFFICIAL
WORDING OF THE DECISION, THE MEASURE IS DISCRIMINATORY
SINCE IT ONLY CONCERNS CONCORDE AND THIS AIRCRAFT IS
NOT NOISIER THAN CERTAIN AIRCRAFT WHICH SERVE THE
NY AIRPORT. I CONSIDER ALSO THAT IT IS NOT LOGICAL
SINCE TO FORMULATE AN OPINION ON THE NUISANCES OF
CONCORDE IT CAN ONLY BE DONE BY ALLOWING IT TO LAND.
FINALLY, IT IS DAMAGING TO AIR FRANCE AND BRITISH
AIRWAYS WHICH WERE READY TO SERVE NY STARTING
APRIL 9 AND THEY ARE NOW BEING PENALIZED."

THE STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FURTHER
STATED "THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO DEFINE A COMMON
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ACTION PLAN WITH THE BRITISH PARTNERS AND IF NECESSARY

TAKE LEGAL ACTION TO DEFEND OUR INTERESTS. WITH
REGARD TO WHETHER FRANCE WOULD ADOPT THE BRITISH
PLAN TO POSSIBLY LAND CONCORDE IN NY EVEN WITHOUT
AUTHORIZATION, MR. CAVAILLE STATED: "WE WILL MEET
TODAY AND THIS IS ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WILL BE
DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, IT IS TRUE THAT THE NY AIRPORT
IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF TWO STATES AND AS LONG AS THE
GOVERNORS OF THESE STATES HAVE NOT RATIFIED
THE DECISION OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, IN MY OPINION
THE DECISION IS NOT A LEGAL ONE. THUS, IT IS ANTI-
CIPATORY. (C'EST DONC UNE ANTICIPATION.)"
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